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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a bag into a container to be ready for receiving an alcohol beverage where the container has a container aperture for receiving the bag that has an aperture cross-sectional area smaller than the bulk of the bag,

wherein the bag comprises:

at least a first bag panel and a second bag panel welded together to form said bag,
and wherein:

(a) each of said first bag panel and said second bag panel has an area larger than a
cross sectional area of said container;

(b) said first bag panel and said second bag panel are moveable from each other when
said bag is filled to expand said bag to approximate a volume of said container; and

(c) said first bag panel is parallel to said second bag panel when said bag is empty;
wherein the method comprising comprises the steps of:

folding the bag having an off set neck from the center of the first bag panel into overlapping panels having a bag cross-sectional area which substantially corresponds to the cross-sectional area of a neck and able to pass through the aperture cross sectional area; and

inserting the folded bag through the container aperture into the container,

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said folding ~~comprises~~ comprising a first folding of the bag about a first fold line, a second folding about a second fold line and a third folding about a third fold line, said second and said third fold lines being parallel to each other and perpendicular with respect to the first fold line.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~installing a bag of~~ Claim 1 further ~~including~~ including the step of:

removing air from the bag and flattening the bag prior to the step of folding the bag.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~installing the bag of~~ Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

sealing the bag to the container aperture of the container after the step of inserting the bag into the container, and

drawing a vacuum from the container to cause the bag to unfold within the container and be drawn towards walls of the container.

4-16. (Canceled)

17. (Withdrawn) A method for installing a bag into a container comprising the steps of: welding at least a first panel and a second panel to form said bag wherein:

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(a) each of said first panel and said second panel has an area larger than a cross sectional area of said container;

(b) said first panel and said second panel are moveable from each other when said bag is filled to expand said bag to approximate a volume of said container; and

(c) said first panel is parallel to said second panel when said bag is empty; welding an open neck at a bag aperture in said first panel of said bag, said open neck has a passageway for filling said bag;

folding each of said first panel and said second panel at a first fold line, a second fold line, and a third fold line, said second fold line and said third fold line:

(a) are parallel to each other;

(b) extend from opposite sides of said open neck; and

(c) are perpendicular to said first fold line; and

inserting the folded bag through a container aperture into said container.

18. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to of claim 17, wherein the first bag panel and the second bag panel have peripheral edges welded together to form a first seam.

19. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17 wherein said bag aperture is offset from the center of the first panel.

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20. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, 1 wherein the container is a generally cylindrical-shaped keg and the first bag panel and the second bag panel comprise generally rectangular shapes.

21. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to of claim 20, wherein the bag aperture of the first panel is offset from the center of the first panel; the first bag panel and the second bag panel have peripheral edges welded together to form a first seam such that the first seam of the bag cannot be removed from the keg all at once.

22. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to of claim 21, wherein the bag aperture of the first bag panel is located proximate a corner of the first bag panel.

23. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to of claim 22, wherein the keg has a container aperture and an end wall to which the open neck is secured and the container aperture is located centrally of the keg end wall.

24. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to of claim 17, 1 wherein the bag having has a volume when filed that brings portions of the bag into contact with interior walls of the container.

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25. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, wherein the bag has a potential volume when filled greater than that of the container and has a bag-filled volume restricted by the volume of the container.

26. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 17, wherein the first panel and the second panel are circular panels having peripheral edges welded to a cylindrical side panel to form the bag with three seams, the bag being expandable to approximate the volume of the container.

27. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 26, wherein the first panel has a center and the bag aperture therein is positioned off-center from the center.

28. (Withdrawn) The method for installing a bag according to claim 26, wherein the container has a container aperture and an end wall to which the open neck is secured and the container aperture is located centrally on the end wall.